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I will try to keep this brief.

I feel that the proposed settlement with Microsoft does not go far enough in curtailing the anti-competitive behavior of Microsoft's monopoly. Here are a few quick points, but in general the settlement must go farther.

- Microsoft's file formats for Office documents should be disclosed, but this is not required under the proposed settlement.
- Microsoft would still be allowed to discount Windows based on sales of other products, allowing them to extend their Windows monopoly into other product areas (e.g. PocketPC)
- Microsoft's licensing mechanism should be restricted - currently Microsoft uses licensing agreements to prohibit their software from being used on competing operating systems. Any software they sell should be usable on any compatible operating system.

I truly hope that others who have more time are able to fill in the details a bit better, but if you need to contact me please feel free.

Regards,
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